

**IN THE
UNITED STATES
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Hummel, et al.

CASE: 001407

**PRELIMINARY
AMENDMENT**

SERIAL NO.: To be assigned

FILED ON: January 5, 2001

FOR: Optical System

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER
FOR PATENTS
Washington DC 20231

ATTENTION OF:

EXAMINER:

Dear Sir:

If any charges or fees must be paid in connection with the following communication, they may be paid out of our Deposit Account No. 50-0545.

Please enter the foregoing amendment prior to calculation of filing fees and substantive examination.

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IN THE CLAIMS AMEND

Claim 3, line 1	Delete "or 2".
Claim 7, line 1	Delete "one of claims 3 to 6" and insert -- claim 3 --.
Claim 11, line 1	Delete "one of claims 3 to 10" and insert -- claim 3 --.
Claim 12, line 1	Delete "or 2".
Claim 16, line 1	Delete "one of claims 12 to 15" and insert -- claim 12 --.
Claim 18, line 1	Delete "one of the preceding claims" and insert -- claim 1 --.
Claim 21, line 1	Delete "one of the preceding claims" and insert -- claim 1 --.
Claim 22, line 1	Delete "one of the preceding claims" and insert -- claim 1 --.
Claim 24, line 1	Delete "one of claims 1 to 21" and insert -- claim 1 --.

REMARKS

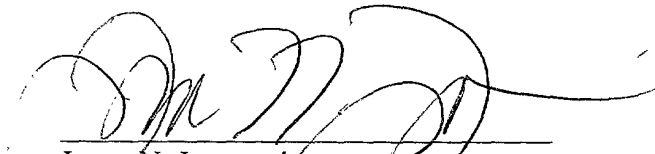
Upon entry of the above amendment, Applicant submits that the application should be in condition for substantive examination.

Should anything further be required, a telephone call to the undersigned, at (312) 578-0400, is respectfully invited.

Respectfully submitted,

FACTOR & PARTNERS, LLC

Dated: January 5, 2001



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